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**NEWS RELEASE**

Patrick L. Meehan, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, today announced the filing of an indictment<sup>1</sup> against Leroy Townsend, charging him with four bank robberies and an attempted bank robbery involving four separate banks in Center City Philadelphia from February 22, 2008 to May 16, 2008. The indictment charges that Townsend robbed the Conestoga Bank, at 1632 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on February 22, 2008, of \$1,730 in United States currency by use of force, violence, and by intimidation. Townsend is also charged with attempted bank robbery of the same bank, the Conestoga Bank, located at 1632 Walnut Street in Philadelphia, on March 10, 2008. The indictment also charges that Townsend committed three additional bank robberies by use of force, violence, and by intimidation, resulting in losses to the federally insured banks: On March 26, 2008, Townsend robbed the Firsttrust Bank branch, located at 1515 Market Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, of \$1,517 in United States currency. On April 15, 2008, Townsend robbed the TD Banknorth, located at 1601 Market Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, of \$4,010 in United States currency. And, on May 16, 2008, Townsend robbed the HSBC Bank, located at 1515 Market Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, of \$6,199 in United States currency. On May 18, 2008, Townsend was arrested by Philadelphia police officers who, according to an affidavit filed in support of his arrest on bank robbery charges, found Townsend in Philadelphia wearing clothing stained with red dye and in possession of currency also stained with red dye. The affidavit further stated that in the May 16, 2008 robbery of the HSBC Bank, the victim teller had provided the bank robber with an explosive dye pack in addition to United States currency, and that after the robbery, police recovered a dye stained \$50 bill outside the entrance to the HSBC Bank.

If convicted of the offenses charged, the defendant faces a maximum penalty of 100 years' imprisonment, a fine of \$1,250,000 and a special assessment of \$500.

This case was the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Philadelphia Division, Violent Crimes Task Force, in cooperation with the Philadelphia Police Department.

The case has been assigned to Assistant United States Attorney Joseph T. Labrum III.

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<sup>1</sup>An Indictment or Information is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

## INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANT

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE OR DATE OF BIRTH
Leroy Townsend	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	Age 52

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